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RECOVERY ACT PROVIDES \$10.4 MILLION TO IMPROVE U.S. HIGHWAY 101 THROUGH UKIAH

Eureka – Caltrans today announced that Granite Construction of Watsonville, California was awarded a \$10.4 million construction contract to install sections of new pavement along a 12-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 101 in Mendocino County. The contract is entirely financed by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

"My Administration is working hand-in-hand with President Obama's team to ensure Recovery Act dollars are pumped into California quickly and responsibly to stimulate the economy and in this instance – invest in the future of California's transportation infrastructure," said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The Recovery Act provided \$16 million in funding for this project, but Granite's bid of \$10.4 million was 35 percent lower. The \$5.9 million in savings will be redirected to help pay for additional highway projects.

Sections of deteriorating concrete pavement will be removed and replaced in both directions along Highway 101 from just south of Ukiah to just north of West Road in Redwood Valley. The project will begin this summer and is anticipated to be completed by fall 2011.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California has obligated nearly \$2.5 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 931 highway, local street, and job training transportation projects statewide. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: <http://recovery.ca.gov/>

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